

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***25C1*  
*In re:*

Applicant: BENNINGER

Serial No.: 10/069,644

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

April 11, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of  
 Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminarily to the issuance of an Office Action in the above  
 identified application, please amend the same as follows:

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In the specification:

Please amend the specification as attached.

In the claims:

Cancel all claims without prejudice.

Add the following claims: